

THE SCHUMER SHUTDOWN CONTINUES

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the editors of the National Review explained the Schumer shutdown clearly in their editorial, "Hang Tough, Republicans."

In no uncertain terms, Senate Democrats have blocked a bill to keep the Federal Government running and fund the Children's Health Insurance Program for the next 6 years. Senate Democrats have made a choice not to keep the government open.

A government shutdown does not benefit anyone. It causes irreparable harm to our military. Over 100,000 National Guard members will be sent home from weekend training, and over 2 million servicemembers will have their pay disrupted by the Senate Democrats' partisan politics.

As chairman of the Readiness Subcommittee, I know that military readiness is at risk; yet the government would be fully open for business if Democrats had not voted against the bill, a bill that has nothing of substance that they oppose, to get leverage for a policy they favor.

This Schumer shutdown could have been avoided if Senate Democrats had prioritized funding at-risk children and troops over political grandstanding. Sadly, the Democrats' negotiating stance is: Give us amnesty or we will make the government shut down and blame you Republicans.

This is an unreasonable position.

Hang tough, Republicans.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

REPUBLICANS' CYNICAL EFFORTS

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I just want to address the cynical effort by the Republicans to link the Trump shutdown to Children's Health Insurance Program, or CHIP.

The fact of the matter is, if the Republicans cared about children's health insurance or anybody's health insurance:

They wouldn't have tried repeatedly to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

They wouldn't have put the provision in their tax scam that says that people don't have to buy insurance, which we estimate will result in about 13 million Americans losing their health insurance.

They wouldn't have put a CHIP bill on the floor earlier this month, or earlier this year, that basically eliminated or cut back on the prevention fund and, at the same time, said, if you didn't pay your health insurance within the first 30 days, you would lose it,

which the CBO says would cause another half a million people to lose their health insurance.

If you care about children's health insurance, which you clearly don't, then you don't want to eliminate and cut back on health insurance for the American people in general, which is what you are doing by sabotaging the Affordable Care Act every day.

The only reason why you linked the CHIP bill to the CR this week is because you don't have to pay the subsidies for people's health insurance because they are going to lose it.

VOTE TO FUND THE GOVERNMENT

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, some Americans have not heard the truth about why we have the Schumer shutdown. The simple truth is that it is because the Republicans believe in the rule of law, want to fund our troops and the CHIP program.

Democrats are advocating for illegal aliens. President Obama violated the Constitution when he signed an executive order allowing illegal aliens to reside here as legal residents. The court ruled his action unconstitutional.

To President Trump's credit, he agreed with the court and asked Congress to find a solution to that issue and our broken immigration system.

House Republicans are working on a solution and doing our job in passing appropriations bills and continuing resolutions to fund troops and our government.

Senate Democrats saw an opening for their zeal to make these illegal aliens legal and have chosen to shut down the government. It is time for the Democrats to give priority to national security and legal people in our country.

Vote to fund the government, and come to the table to find a law-respecting solution to immigration. Stop the Schumer shutdown.

REPUBLICANS IN SPIN MODE

(Mr. POCAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, there is a lot of rhetoric out there about why there is a government shutdown and who is to blame. Well, let's look at the facts.

The GOP is, indeed, in charge at all levels of Federal Government yet has not been able to do much of anything since then. They can't fund the government, and now they are asking for their fourth continuing resolution of only a few weeks yet again.

The only major, concrete thing they have really done is give tax breaks to their wealthy donors, and now they are in full spin mode trying to say the government is shut down because we want to let certain people into our country.

Please.

Look, we are fighting for parity on non-defense funding for things like schools, Head Start, and programs like Meals on Wheels and homeless veterans' assistance. We want to get funding for community health centers and CHIP. And, yes, repairing the DACA agreement that has allowed a lot of good, talented young people to stay in this country is important to many of us as well.

Let's remember, the only thing the Republicans have to show for their last year is a giant, wet, sloppy tax break for their donors and a way too extended honeymoon with the President.

It is time to step up and put our country before our party, and we need to do that now.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to bring up H.R. 4872, the End the Shutdown Act of 2018, a continuing resolution that would immediately reopen the government through Tuesday while negotiations continue on a budget agreement that adheres to parity and on other critical issues.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. As the Chair has previously advised, that request cannot be entertained absent appropriate clearance.

DEMOCRATS OWN THE SHUTDOWN

(Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, the American people are demanding of us to do what is right. That is why I proudly voted "yes" to keep the government open, to pay our troops, to provide funding for our Nation's military, and to reauthorize CHIP, healthcare for children in need, for 6 years.

Instead, Democrats in the Senate voted "no." They said no to all of these critical priorities—national security, healthcare for our children, keeping the government open—all while they pushed their own political agenda. The only thing they said yes to was the Schumer shutdown.

Enough is enough, Mr. Speaker. Nothing in this bill is controversial. We did our job. We have passed reauthorization for CHIP, the Children's Health Insurance Program, not once but twice, and it has stalled in the Senate.

Democrats own the Schumer shutdown. They have said no to policies the American people want and the American people need.

Washington is broken. We need to get back on track. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to work together, to work in the interest of all West Virginians and all Americans, working for working families, military families, and retirees. They are all depending on us.

DEMOCRATS ARE FOCUSED ON TAKING CARE OF FAMILIES

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House